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ATTORNEY GENERAL BUDDY CALDWELL RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Dallas, TX—Louisiana Attorney General Buddy Caldwell was honored Saturday, March 13, in Dallas, Texas by the National Constable's Association. The group presented the Attorney General with their Outstanding Partnership Award for his collaborative efforts in bringing law enforcement together to fight internet crime.

Baton Rouge Constable, Major Reginald Brown, nominated Caldwell for this prestigious award. "I believe Buddy has done a remarkable job in forging a positive and strong relationship between all branches of law enforcement, said Major Brown. "He is passionate about fighting this epidemic of internet crime and online sexual predators."

Caldwell instituted a program in December of 2008 where a designee from the Baton Rouge Constable's office, East and West Baton Rouge Sheriff's office, Louisiana State Police, and Baton Rouge City Police Department would join the Attorney General's High Tech Crime Unit in their efforts to fight internet crime. "I believe in team work," said Caldwell. "I know what it's like to be in the trenches and work with each area of law enforcement to solve crimes. It's no different in fighting online criminals."

The National Constable's Association has handed out this award for 25 years. Eight individuals were nominated this year nationwide. Major Brown, the outgoing President of NCA, said in his nominating letter that the Attorney General has established a relationship with local, state and federal law enforcement to address internet predators' criminal activity and he should be recognized for his efforts and accomplishments. "I am deeply honored the National Constable's Association has presented me with this award," said Caldwell. "I thank Major Brown and each Constable for their commitment to their job. I know how hard they work."

The Attorney General's High Tech Crime Unit is comprised of 23 people, including those on loan from outside agencies. The Unit focuses on catching online sexual predators and child pornographers, specifically those who pose a risk to children. The Unit is also responsible for investigating such internet crimes as identity theft, email scams and other crimes involving computers and cell phones. "We must police the internet," said Attorney General Caldwell. "We've brought the devil into our homes with these computers and our children are at risk. I will do everything I can to take this fight against internet crime to the next level."

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